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- 1. JAPANESE EMBASSY MINISTER KOSUGI AND MFA ATTACHE MATSUOKA CALLED ON DEP ASST SEC EDMOND ON NOVEMBER 20 TO RECEIVE BRIEFING ON STATUS OF POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF PELLY AMENDMENT TO JAPAN BECAUSE OF JAPANESE WHALING PRACTICES.
- 2. EDMOND STATED THAT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HAD MADE FORMAL FINDING THAT JAPANESE HAD IN FACT REDUCED EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM (AS HAD USSR) THROUGH 1973-74 MINKE WHALE CATCHES WHICH EXCEEDED IWC QUOTAS FOR THAT SEASON. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HAD CERTIFIED THAT FINDING TO THE PRESIDENT ON NOVEMBER 12 WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR NO ACTION TO EMBARGO FISH IMPORTS FROM JAPAN AS MIGHT BE DONE UNDER PELLY AMENDMENT. THE REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT JAPAN HAS ACCEPTED NEW QUOTAS SET BY IWC LAST JUNE.

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3. EDMOND SAIDTHAT HE EXPECTED, BUT OF COURSE COULD NOT GUARANTEE, THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE PROSPECTS FOR COMPLIANCE BY JAPAN IN THE FUTURE ARE BRIGHT ENOUCH TO WARRANT NO ACTION. HE POINTED OUT THAT JAPANESE PERFORMANCE WOULD BE KEPT

UNDER REVIEW. EDMOND SAID THAT JAPANESE ACCEPTANCE OF IWC DECISIONS WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND HOPED AND URGED GOJ WOULD MAINTAIN POSITIVE POLICY TOWARD IWC. KOSUGI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION BUT GAVE NO ASSURANCES REGARDING JAPANESE REACTIONS TO FUTURE IWC DECISIONS. INGERSOLL

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